

Kids Collar Pets For Gala Parade

By GEORGE WHITING

Torrance Park and Perry playgrounds jumped the gun last week as they staged their pet shows a week ahead of schedule. "Just too much enthusiasm," was the reason, according to Lyman Nolan and Leonard Lifton, directors of the respective play centers.

"All of the children were eagerly awaiting the opportunity to display their pets and we couldn't hold them back," added the directors.

Meanwhile, scores of boys and girls in other playgrounds are ready to compete in pet shows tomorrow. Anything can be expected from lovebirds to skunks. Anyone with a large, small, old, well behaved, unusual, well-trained

artistically displayed, comically dressed, ugly or stubborn pet is urged to participate.

Contestants are reminded to bring food and water for their pets, have them completely under control and to utilize sun shades for animals unaccustomed to the heat. Insects such as fleas or grasshoppers are not to be considered as pets. Awards will be given to those with outstanding entries.

College Trustees Reelect Redondo Man President

Robert Russel of Redondo Beach was re-elected president of the El Camino College Board of Trustees at the organizational meeting July 1.

Dr. E. E. Lyder of El Segundo was named vice-president and Melvin Allen of Inglewood, secretary.

Charles Ver Jones, former president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, represents the City of Torrance on the college board.

The board established the second and fourth Tuesdays of each calendar month, at 7:30 p. m., as their regular meeting time.

Other actions of the Board include (1) awarding of a contract to the Finan Construction Company of Los Angeles on their low bid for an administration classroom unit for the sum of \$441,538.00; (2) granting of military leave to Albert Gabardi,

a custodian, who has left for active duty with the Army Air Corps; (3) employment of Charles V. Holton as custodian; (4) employment of Robert R. Thompson as a probationary instructor in the department of business; (5) employment of Miss Wilda Nylen as a probationary instructor in food services; (6) awarding of a contract to the Otto K. Olsen Company of Los Angeles on their bid for the construction of sound systems in the Campus Center building and the stadium for the sum of \$10,148.00.

RAILWAYS TAXED
Class I railroads in 1949 paid \$832,694,000 in taxes compared with annual taxes of \$369 million in 1923-29.

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BEST GUESSERS . . . Donette Gray (left) and Dean Baker (right) runners-up in the recent bean-guessing contest sponsored by Almond's Department Store, admire the new bicycle won by Douglas McKean—best guesser with a guess of 15,200 beans against an actual count of 15,261. (Herald photo).

Guess Misses By 61 But Wins A New Bicycle

Missing by only 61 beans, Douglas McKean, 18437 Roslin avenue, won himself a new bicycle in a recent bean-guessing contest sponsored by Almond's Department Store. The new bicycle owner guessed 15,200 beans while the jar actually contained 15,261, according to John Almond, owner of the Store.

Other winners in the contest included: Jerry Barsch, 22404 South Normandie avenue; Dean Baker, 1550 West 214th street; Lawrence M. Kupfer, 20804 South Western avenue; Gary Ebersole, 1554 West 218th street; Donette Gray, 22412 South Normandie avenue; Linda Shore, Harbor City; Karen Baren, 2528 Jackson street, Long Beach; and G. Miranda of Los Angeles.

Death of Army Major Ruled In Line of Duty

The death of the late Major Frank R. Gunn, who was reported by the Army to have died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound in Vienna, Austria, Dec. 27, 1949, has been ruled death in the line of duty, according to word received this week by his widow, Mrs. Estella K. Gunn, of 1313 Date avenue.

A Certificate of Honorable Service signed by Gordon Gray, secretary of the Army, was sent to Mrs. Gunn this week, and a letter from the Adjutant General stated that it was "in recognition of services rendered by your husband, Major Frank R. Gunn, who died in line of duty while in active military service." Mrs. Gunn told the Herald yesterday that the Major was cleaning a war souvenir gun when it accidentally discharged, killing him. She was in Vienna with him at the time, she said.

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Two Injured In Collision

A 6-year-old youth and his grandmother were slightly injured in a two-car collision at 190th and Western Friday night, according to Torrance police.

Treated for minor injuries at Torrance Medical Center were Mrs. Marguerite Morse, of 23102 Huber street, and Daniel D. Palmerlee, 6, of the same address. They were passengers in an auto driven by Curtis D.

Palmerlee, 31, of the Huber street address. The other driver, according to police reports, was Alfred H. Drauseman, 41, of 1516 South Butler avenue, Compton.

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County Planners Tell Population Hike for City

A gain in population of Torrance of 167 persons since the recent census was indicated in reports of the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission issued this week.

RECRUIT BEGINS TRAINING WITH 'FIGHTING FOURTH'

Pvt. Richard K. Jay, 18, has arrived at Fort Ord and will immediately begin his basic training with the Famous Fighting Fourth Infantry Division. At the completion of 14 weeks of training, Jay will be permanently assigned or selected for a specialist school. Ret. Jay attended Narbonne High School and is the son of Mr. John R. Jay who resides at 1738 Cabrillo avenue.

Torrance's population now stands at 22,368, according to the commission reports. Credited with a population of 24,058 was the area to the east of Torrance comprising the Dominguez, Avalon Village and

Keystone areas. Lomita's population was set at 12,789 by the county planners. Torrance rapidly is approaching Redondo Beach—the latter city having a population of 25,334—Arthur H. Adams, director of the commission, said.

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